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CHAFEE HONORED FOR SUPPORT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee will be honored tonight at a reception on Capitol Hill for his work to protect endangered species.

At the "Celebrate the Endangered Species Act" reception, wildlife advocates from around the nation will present Senator Chafee with a framed photo depicting an endangered species from Rhode Island. The activists are in town to express their support for the Endangered Species Act (ESA), one of the nation's most successful environmental laws.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works' Subcommittee on Fish, Wildlife, and Water, Senator Chafee has presided over recent hearings regarding ESA, and has emphasized the importance of bipartisan compromises to find common ground and consensus between all groups possibly affected by the legislation.

"Since 1973, the Endangered Species Act has worked to protect thousands of species and the habitats upon which they depend," Chairman Chafee said. "Across the nation, there are new and innovative approaches to advancing species conservation and recovery. We will be taking a hard look at ways to improve the Act in the subcommittee this year by holding hearings that involve a broad group from the environmental and business communities. I look forward to working with my colleagues to craft legislation that enhances recovery of species and the conservation of habitat."

The ESA is perhaps the most powerful and significant environmental legislation ever enacted in the U.S. Since 1973, it has been a safety net working to prevent the extinction of many endangered species, including the bald eagle, California condor, and the gray whale.

Senator Chafee will be honored tonight at the Stewart R. Mott House, 122 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C.

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